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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 9/327,582, filed in Japan on November 28, 1997.

As indicated in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 30, 2001, in prior application Serial No. 09/486,913, filed October 12, 2000, the certified copy of the above-listed Japanese Patent Application was received in National Stage Application Serial No. 09/486,913, filed October 12, 2000, from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

Respectfully submitted,

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